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Andaz Papagayo, Costa Rica

Opened: December 2013

The hotel group Andaz, which is mostly known for big, shiny, city dwellings (such as New York, Amsterdam, London – and [Tokyo](#) later this year), is venturing into pastures new. Its first property in Latin America – which is more woven textile than plush sofa – is the [Andaz Papagayo](#) situated on the northern Pacific coast of Costa Rica.

Surrounded by thick rainforest, the property overlooks Culebra Bay – and has a private beach to boot. If you get bored of that, you could always kick back in your own private plunge pool (four of the suites have them), book into the spa for a session in an outdoor treatment room, or head to the Marina Papagayo nearby for a selection of boating services.

You're also within reach of Costa Rica's natural gems: the Palo Verde natural park, Monteverde cloud forest reserve and the Arenal volcano. Rumour has it that Alexa Chung has already booked in.

Peninsula Papagayo, Guanacaste, Costa Rica

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